

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Joel W. Fosselman
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Application No.: 10/555,890)	
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Filed: November 7, 2005)	
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For: IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE AND IMAGE)	
PICKUP SYSTEM	:	March 3, 2009

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document that is not a U.S. patent document has been submitted herewith. These documents were brought to Applicant's attention in a communication from the Japanese Patent Office that issued on January 9, 2009, in connection with a counterpart Japanese patent application.

An explanation of relevance of the Japanese documents may be found in the English abstracts attached thereto.

It is respectfully requested that the documents be considered by the Examiner,

and that an initialed copy of the attached Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that the documents have been considered.

Although a restriction requirement was mailed in the present application on January 27, 2009, no Office Action on the merits has issued to date. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that no fee is necessary in order for the documents to be considered. (See MPEP 810, explaining that a written restriction requirement is not an Office Action on the merits.)

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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